

Healthy Workplaces Program

Be part of the growing movement to make Howard County a model public health community.

Become a *Healthy Workplace*.

Healthy Workplaces is an accreditation program that recognizes Howard County businesses committed to improving employee health and well-being. In addition, we work with employers to strengthen their wellness initiatives.

Your organization may be eligible to receive Bronze, Silver, or Gold accreditation in recognition of your overall commitment to workplace wellness. There are many ways to qualify, making it easier for workplaces of all sizes and business models to apply. As an added incentive, certified workplaces are eligible to receive an Innovation Award. This monetary award for exceptional policies and programs can be used to further your health and wellness efforts.

The 2010 application will be available from April through August. You can download the application from our website or contact the Healthy Workplaces Coordinator. For more information about the program and application, please refer to the FAQ on our website.

All businesses with employees in Howard County are eligible to apply. There is no application fee.

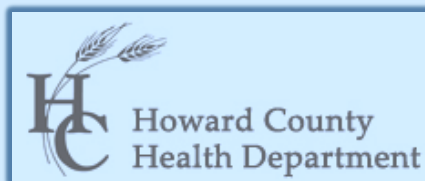
**The application deadline is
Friday, August 27, 2010.**



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**Show your commitment to the health
and well-being of your employees.
*Apply to be a Healthy Workplace in 2010.***

Benefits of becoming a *Healthy Workplace* include:

- Public acknowledgment of your achievement from the Health Department
- A boost to employee morale as your commitment to their well-being is recognized
- Eligibility to win a monetary award for innovative policies and programs
- Increased visibility as your organization is listed with the program's print and online publicity as well as in community publications
- *Healthy Workplaces* plaque for display
- Worksite wellness-related newsletters, resources, and technical assistance from the Health Department to support and develop your efforts
- Improved employee health and productivity, and the potential for cost savings

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